

I-BEST at Hawkeye Community College

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''I-BEST 101'

I-BEST is an acronym that stands for Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training. I-BEST is an instructional model that was developed in Washington State and is now used nationally. The key components of an I-BEST class are:

- <u>Integrated Content:</u> Students earn college credits by completing coursework in a career pathway. Coursework is in an identified area of local employer demand. Basic skills instruction in reading, math, and English language acquisition is integrated into course content. This integration increases student motivation and decreases barriers to learning.
- <u>Co-teaching:</u> One content area instructor and one basic skills instructor co-teach the class. In the I-BEST instructional model, there are two teachers in the classroom with at least a 50% instructional overlap during the class time. Instructors are expected to jointly develop and deliver integrated outcomes, curriculum, and assessments.
- <u>Streamlined pathway:</u> Addressing the dual needs of adult learners to obtain workplace skills and basic skills, and doing so in an integrated way, compresses the time traditionally needed for this instruction. Additional supports offered to students through I-BEST often produce enhanced outcomes with an at-risk student population.

Hawkeye I - Best Teams

Administrative

Dr. Jane Bradley, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Sandy Jensen, Director, Urban Centers and Adult Literacy
Dave Grunklee, Dean, Agriculture, Electronics, Industrial and Power Technology
Dr. Eugene Leutzinger, Dean, Criminal Justice, Emergency Medical Services, Fire
Science, Health Sciences, Police Science
Jennette Shepard, Student Success Lead Instructor/Coordinator
Lucas Plouff, ELL I-BEST Lead Instructor/Coordinator

Laura Hidlebaugh, ELL and Family Literacy Coordinator

Nancy Kehoe, High School Completion Program Coordinator

Teaching

Jennette Shepard, Math AEL Lucas Plouff, ELL Victor Palmer, Nursing Robert Mosley, CNC Machining

I-BEST students at HCC = AEL students (both HSC and ELL) who meet eligibility requirements

CNC I-BEST completers earn 6 college credits + OSHA 501 certificate

CNA I-BEST completers earn 3 college credits + OSHA/HIPPA and Dependent Adult Abuse Mandatory Reporter certificates + potentially the CNA certificate if state exam is passed

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Timeline

2010: initial exploration of I-BEST at Hawkeye

2013: planning for I-BEST at Hawkeye begins

2015: implementation of HCC CNC I-BEST class pilot

2016: second CNC I-BEST class at HCC

Funds

2016: implementation of HCC CNA I-BEST class pilot

2017: CNA and CNC I-BEST classes run simultaneously at HCC for first time

Braided Funding Makes I-BEST Possible at HCC

Items

College......Tuition (waived for I-BEST students)